



97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB1884

by Rep. Robert Rita

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/1-107.1 new
625 ILCS 5/11-709.1
625 ILCS 5/11-709.2 new

from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-709.1

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Defines "bus rapid transit vehicle" as a bus specifically authorized by the Department of Transportation to be operated upon highways and shoulders for bus rapid transit. Adds bus rapid transit vehicles to the list of vehicles exempted from prohibitions against driving on the shoulder. Creates the Bus Rapid Transit Pilot Program. Provides that commencing on the effective date of this Act, the Department, in cooperation with the Regional Transportation Authority and the Illinois State Police, shall establish a 5-year pilot program within the boundaries of the Regional Transportation Authority for bus rapid transit on highways and shoulders. Provides that the Department may adopt rules as necessary to implement the bus rapid transit pilot program, and that the Department shall present to the General Assembly a report on the effectiveness of bus rapid transit at the conclusion of the 5-year pilot program. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by changing
5 Section 11-709.1 and by adding Sections 1-107.1 and 11-709.2 as
6 follows:

7 (625 ILCS 5/1-107.1 new)

8 Sec. 1-107.1. Bus rapid transit vehicle. A bus specifically
9 authorized by the Department to be operated upon highways and
10 shoulders for bus rapid transit.

11 (625 ILCS 5/11-709.1) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-709.1)

12 Sec. 11-709.1. Driving on the shoulder.

13 (a) Vehicles shall be driven on a roadway, and shall only
14 be driven on the shoulder for the purpose of stopping or
15 accelerating from a stop while merging into traffic. It shall
16 be a violation of this Section if while merging into traffic
17 and while on the shoulder, the vehicle passes any other vehicle
18 on the roadway adjacent to it.

19 (b) This Section shall not apply to any authorized
20 emergency vehicle, to any authorized bus rapid transit vehicle,
21 to any farm tractor or implement of husbandry, to any service
22 vehicle while engaged in maintenance of the highway or related

1 work, or to any authorized vehicle within a designated
2 construction zone.

3 (Source: P.A. 95-785, eff. 8-7-08.)

4 (625 ILCS 5/11-709.2 new)

5 Sec. 11-709.2. Bus rapid transit pilot program.

6 (a) For purposes of this Section, "bus rapid transit" means
7 the use of specifically designated shoulders of roadways for
8 authorized rapid transit lanes.

9 (b) Commencing on the effective date of this amendatory Act
10 of the 97th General Assembly, the Department, in cooperation
11 with the Regional Transportation Authority and the Illinois
12 State Police, shall establish a 5-year pilot program within the
13 boundaries of the Regional Transportation Authority for bus
14 rapid transit on highways and shoulders. The pilot program may
15 be implemented on shoulders of highways as designated by the
16 Department in cooperation with the Regional Transportation
17 Authority. Designated shoulders of roadways may be used by bus
18 rapid transit vehicles at times and locations as set by the
19 Department in cooperation with the Regional Transportation
20 Authority. The Department may adopt rules as necessary for the
21 implementation of the bus rapid transit pilot program.

22 (c) At the conclusion of the 5-year pilot program
23 established under subsection (b) of this Section, the
24 Department shall present to the General Assembly a report on
25 the effectiveness of bus rapid transit.

1 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
2 becoming law.